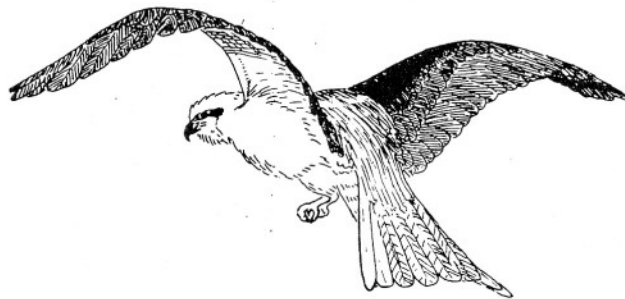


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We oppose any increase of water diversions to the South until the Delta ecosystem has been completely deemed stable and healthy. Please withdraw plans for the South Delta Improvement Project, as this will cause irreparable damage to the ecological health of our important Delta habitat.

California needs to exploit all means of conservation and water use efficiency before any increase in transport is considered.

We also fear that the SDIP will also create a greater demand on Northern California water, leading to more harmful environmental impacts in the Sacramento Valley and it's watershed.

Phil Johnson
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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Johnson', written over the printed name.